

LATE NEWS from the State and Nation

COURT UPHOLDS NEUTRALITY ACT

Washington, Dec. 21.—Neutrality legislation empowering the President to forbid the sale of raw materials as well as munitions to warring nations was forecast in informed quarters tonight after a Supreme Court decision sustaining the Chaco arms embargo.

Upholding constitutionality of a broad delegation of power to the President in foreign affairs, the court ruled, 7 to 1, that in dealing with problems of neutrality, the chief executive must be accorded "a degree of discretion and freedom from statutory restriction which would not be admissible were domestic affairs alone involved."

ROOSEVELT, LANDON HAVE LONG VISIT

Washington, Dec. 21. — For more than a hour today President Roosevelt and Gov. Alf M. Landon, of Kansas, talked — so the governor averred — about Christmas, grandchildren and fishing.

While several prominent new deal leaders cooled their heels in the outer offices awaiting appointments with Mr. Roosevelt the defeated Republican presidential candidate kept a hundred or more newspaper men close to the executive offices wondering what the two could find to talk about for such a long time.

PROJECTS APPROVED BY CONFERENCE

Buenos Aires, Dec. 21. — Thirty-seven projects designed to strengthen peace and economic ties among the 21 American republics were approved today as the Inter-American peace conference wound up its formal deliberations.

Practically all that remained on the slate of the three-week-old parley was a program of addresses Wednesday by delegation chiefs, including United States Secretary of State Cordell Hull.

ELKIN WINS SERIES FROM OLSEN SWEDES

The Elkin All-Stars, local cage outfit, defeated Olsen's Terrible Swedes in the fifth and deciding game of a five-game series at Greenville, S. C., Saturday night, by a score of 48 to 35. The win gave Elkin the series by a 3-2 count.

Showing a powerful scoring attack, Elkin was paced by Crater who scored 15 points. All other members of the Elkin team, including Hambricht, Johnson, Sappenfield, Maxwell and Alexander, substitute, played well.

DESKS FOR NEW SCHOOL ARRIVE

Students' desks for the new Elkin high school building have arrived here but as yet have not been delivered to the school building. It was learned Tuesday morning from J. Mark McAdams superintendent of local schools.

Teachers' desks, library tables and lockers have not yet arrived, Mr. McAdams said.

COLLEGE STUDENTS TO GIVE SPECIAL PROGRAM

A special service, presented by college students of the church, will be presented at the First Baptist church Sunday evening, December 27, at 7:30. This is an annual service at the church.

A cordial invitation is extended the public to attend.

In Opera at 15



CHICAGO . . . Betty Jaynes, 15, made her Grand Opera debut, singing opposite Nino Martinelli, in "La Boheme," to receive high praise of the critics who predict a bright future for her.

SPECIAL TERM OF COURT IS ENDED

More Than 150 Civil Cases
Are Disposed of Before
Judge Warlick

NUMBER LOCAL CASES

The special term of civil court which had been in session at Dobson for the past two weeks came to a close Thursday afternoon. The court was presided over by Judge Wilson Warlick, and more than 150 cases were said to have been disposed of, it being one of the most productive terms that has been held recently. However, more than 300 cases were said to be still remaining on the dockets, including both civil and criminal cases, the most of which are civil cases.

A large number of cases were non-suited and dismissed from the court records. Among these were the following cases of local interest: W. V. Holcomb vs. The Farmers and Merchants Bank, W. J. Burcham vs. Cash Dry Goods Company, C. C. Fulp vs. J. R. Byrd, Hunter Milling Company vs. Holcomb Brothers, Abe Gray vs. W. T. Myers, Transou-Jordan Lumber Company vs. Elkin Table Company, National Auto Machine Company vs. Paul Gwyn, Red Jacket Coal and Coke Company vs. Elkin Roller Mills and Corporation Commission of North Carolina vs. Farmers and Merchants Bank.

Divorces granted which were unreported heretofore were as follows: Neva Smith Gravit vs. Alton Gravit, Ernest Bowman vs. Nannie Edwards Bowman, J. M. Todd, vs. Mary Todd and Hazel Gardner Hawks vs. Rupert N. Hawks.

PROGRAMS ARE WELL ATTENDED

Many Are Present at Both
Methodist and Baptist
Churches

OFFERING IS TAKEN

The Christmas programs at the local churches Sunday were well attended. At five o'clock a Christmas cantata, "Prince of Peace," was presented at the Methodist church by members of the choir.

At seven-thirty a program of special Christmas music was presented at the First Baptist church by members of the church choir and the junior choir, accompanied by Mrs. J. H. Beeson, pianist, and Miss Virginia Lawrence and Rufus Crater violinists.

White Christmas was observed at the First Baptist church with a special collection amounting to \$44.12, to go to the Associated Charities empty stocking fund.

A similar offering will be taken at the Methodist church Wednesday evening at 7:30, when a pageant, "The Sweetest Story Ever Told," will be presented by a cast of thirty characters, with special music by the junior vested choir.

STRIKE FRONTS QUIET

Detroit, Dec. 20.—Strike fronts were quiet today while labor leaders, manufacturers and the stock exchanges awaited developments in a score of disputes.

With negotiations between maritime workers and ship operators breaking down on the Pacific coast, striking seaman along the Atlantic failed to obtain new recruits to tie up additional ocean craft. The automobile industry apparently was no nearer a solution to strikes in the middle west and south which have thrown thousands of men out of work.

CHATHAM FORCES ARE PAID SPECIAL CHRISTMAS BONUS

Each Employee Receives Extra Full Week's Pay

AMOUNTS TO \$30,000.00

Of Entire Sum, Approximately \$20,000 Is Paid Locally

HAVE HAD GOOD YEAR

A special Christmas bonus of a full week's pay for every employee and foreman of the Chatham Manufacturing company was paid last Friday in both the Elkin and Winston-Salem plants as a token of appreciation on the part of the company for the loyalty of their employees, and as an index of increased earnings during the past year.

Avery Neaves, general superintendent of the Chatham Manufacturing company, said Tuesday that the bonus totalled approximately \$30,000 — about \$20,000 paid to employees here and \$10,000 at the Winston-Salem plant.

Mr. Neaves also stated that the company had enjoyed a good year, and that it was its policy to share with its employees.

The bonus was paid in the form of special Christmas checks personally signed by Thurmond Chatham, president of the organization.

MRS. IDA BILLINGS TAKES OWN LIFE

Lomax Woman Found Hanging to Rafter of Father's Home Tuesday

LAST RITES THURSDAY

Mrs. Ida Billings, 42, of Lomax, ended her life about eight o'clock Tuesday morning in an upstairs room of the home of her father, Grant Cheek, by hanging herself from a rafter.

An investigation resulted in a verdict of suicide. Although no motive was given, it was said Mrs. Billings had been in bad health for some time.

The body of the woman was discovered by a member of the family shortly after she had tied a rope around her neck and stepped off a wooden box. The room she was in had not been ceiled, and the rope was attached to a rafter. She was said to have died of suffocation as an examination disclosed her neck had not been broken.

Immediately the body was found, it was cut down and rushed to the hospital here in the hope that she could be revived. However, it is understood she was dead when found.

Mrs. Billings had been estranged from her husband, Hillary Billings, for sometime.

Mrs. Billings is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Cheek, an adopted daughter, and the following brothers and sisters: Guilford Cheek, New Castle, Ind.; Watson Cheek, Traphill; Mrs. Walter Burgess, Mrs. James Burcham and Mrs. Clyde Hinshaw, of Elkin, and Mrs. Conrad Sparks, of Moxley.

Funeral rites will be held Thursday morning from Round Hill church in charge of Rev. L. E. Sparks. Interment will be in the church cemetery.

HAMPTONVILLE MAN SERIOUSLY BURNED

Melvin Reese, 37, of Hamptonville, received painful and serious burns Monday morning when he fell into a vat of boiling water while scalding hogs. Mr. Reese was rushed to the local hospital for treatment. He is resting as comfortably as could be expected.

Merchants To Observe Only Christmas Day

Elkin merchants will observe only one day, Friday, in observance of Christmas, opening for business as usual Saturday morning, it has been announced by the office of the Merchant's association. All stores will remain open until 9 p. m. each night until Christmas for the benefit of Christmas shoppers.



TOBACCO SALES RUNNING BEHIND

Trailing Approximately 100,000,000 Pounds, But Prices Higher

SOLD 394,606,290 POUNDS

Raleigh, Dec. 22. — Tobacco sales in North Carolina this year are running approximately 100,000,000 pounds behind 1935, but prices generally have been higher.

A total of 394,606,290 pounds were sold by Tar Heels producers as of December 1, the federal-state crop reporting service said today, compared to sales of 494,698,414 for the same period one year ago. The season's average price was not listed.

Warehouse sales in November aggregated 84,134,614 pounds, of which 74,626,112 was sold by growers. The price average during the month was 22.40, compared with \$20.59 in November, 1935, when 122,483,006 pounds were sold.

The report said that sales to December 1 "probably" represented more than 90 per cent of the state's crop.

The old belt markets, as closed by the service, averaged \$22.81 in November, exactly \$2 per hundred higher than a year ago, with Fuquay Springs having the highest market average with \$27.42.

The Fuquay Springs market sold 2,779,232 pounds during the month while the Durham market averaged \$26.39 for 9,060,424 pounds. Winston-Salem led in pounds sold with 12,436,146, but the average was only \$19.35.

The new bright belt markets averaged \$21.86 per hundred last month, compared with \$20.34 for 387,138 pounds, with Wilson second in average at \$22.78 and first in pounds sold at 9,887,768.

WAGONER REWARD PAID SURRY MEN

The \$100 reward offered by the state of North Carolina for the capture of Caleb Wagoner, Sileam outlaw, has been paid to Tom Allen, Shoals deputy sheriff, and Paul Marion, of the Sileam section, it was learned this week.

The checks to the Surry county men were sent to the sheriff with instructions to deliver them to the two claimants. Neither the Surry county officers nor the state officers participating in the capture made claim to the reward, leaving its payment to the two men who conducted the vigilante watch on the home of the fugitive.

Wagoner was taken into custody by Sheriff Harvey Boyd and prison Guard Hall on the afternoon of November 28 as he tried to escape, armed with an automatic rifle and two revolvers, after he had been surrounded in his house by a squad of officers.

Dairy Grades

Grade A ratings have been awarded 13 Surry county dairies, it has been announced by the Surry county health department.

Local Bank Is To Observe Two Days; Stores Only One

The Bank of Elkin has announced that it will be closed two days in observance of Christmas, while the remainder of Elkin stores and business houses will observe only Christmas day.

The bank will be closed Saturday following Christmas day, opening for business Monday as usual.

The Elkin Tribune office will also be closed Saturday so that its employees may have an extra day for Christmas.

START PLANS FOR POSTOFFICE HERE

Topographical and Soil Survey Made; Working On Details

NEEDED DATA OBTAINED

By PAUL MAY
Tribune News Bureau
Washington, D. C., December 22. — Topographical and soil surveys of the site of the new Elkin postoffice have been made, and the Treasury Department's procurement division has started on plans for the building, it was learned today.

It was necessary, it was learned, to obtain details of the character of the soil on the site, and plumbing, heating and electrical data of neighboring buildings, before plans could be started. Data on architectural and structural characteristics of Elkin buildings was also obtained.

The character of the soil determines the type of foundation necessary and the amount of money which must be spent on the foundation officials say. In some instances an investigation of the soil has changed entire plans for a building.

Granted that there are no delays in preparation of architectural, structural and mechanical plans, the Elkin project should be on the market within four months. It requires about three months to decide upon space for various government departments and prepare plans, and one month to prepare specifications, on a \$65,000 project.

MRS. E. DARNELL PASSES SATURDAY

Death of Pleasant Hill Woman Follows Delicate Operation

FINAL RITES TUESDAY

Mrs. Ola Lee Simmons Darnell, 25, wife of Erastus Darnell, passed away in a Statesville hospital Saturday night, following a delicate surgical operation. The deceased was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Simmons of Yadkin county. For the past thirteen years she had been a member of the Baptist church, having moved her membership from Fall Creek to Pleasant Hill two years ago.

Surviving are the husband, two small sons, Glenn and Bobby; three brothers, Cleve Simmons, of Simmons of Jonesville; Eugene Simmons of Booneville; J. A. Simmons of Richmond, Va.; and three sisters, Mrs. Dallas Gilliam, of Elkin; Mrs. Sam Mathis, and Mrs. Peter Groce of Cycle, the latter a twin sister.

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock from Pleasant Hill church. The rites were in charge of Rev. S. M. Vestal and interment was in the church cemetery.

KIWANIS AUCTION BRINGS GOOD SUM TO SET NEW MARK

Funds Will Be Used By Associated Charities

SELL AUCTION BLOCK

Total of \$161.20 Raised at Annual Event Held Friday Night

OPERATION BRINGS \$5.00

The Elkin Kiwanis club's annual Christmas auction for the benefit of the local empty stocking fund netted a total of \$161.20 at Hotel Elkin Friday night, setting a new record for such an event.

So enthusiastic was the bidding that boxes of cigars, normally selling for \$1.25, brought \$5.00 while the auction block, which last year sold for \$5.00, was re-sold for \$6.50.

It has become a custom, following last year's auction, for the president of the club to deliver the 300-pound log in a wheelbarrow to the home of the highest bidder. Friday night when the log was offered for sale, L. G. Meed, president of the club, began to take notice when Dr. C. L. Haywood, whose home is a mile from the hotel and practically all up hill, began some serious bidding. As a result, Mr. Meed unlimbered his wallet and bid in the log at \$6.50 rather than have the honor of pushing the heavy log all the way to Hugh Chatham hospital in a wheelbarrow.

Among articles auctioned off was an operation for appendicitis, offered by Dr. Haywood. The operation offer which stands good for one year, brought \$5.00, while a divorce, guaranteed effective and not to tarnish, riel, ravel or run down at the heel, brought \$2.00. The divorce was offered to sale by Marion Allen, local attorney. J. B. Parks acted as auctioneer.

Other items brought good prices and the auction was considered a fine success.

Several Christmas recitations were given by Little Misses Lucy Brewer, Cynthia Allen, and Beulah Yates.

A number of guests were present.

BASKETS TO BE DELIVERED HERE

Distribution to Less Fortunate To Be Made Thursday

ARE TO CARE FOR ALL

Delivery of Christmas baskets, containing food and toys for the less fortunate families of Elkin and Jonesville will be delivered Thursday morning it was learned Tuesday afternoon.

The second floor of the Duke Power Co. building is being used as headquarters by the Christmas Cheer committee, and preparation of the baskets is now under way.

It is expected that no one will be forgotten this year. Special offerings by the churches and receipts of the Elkin Kiwanis club auction, plus other worthy contributions, assures a big basket for all. At the last report the names of 67 families were on the Christmas Cheer list.

Herbert Graham, Jr., a student at Georgia Tech., Atlanta, is spending the holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Graham, on Gwyn Avenue.

